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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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YAOUNDE: PLEASE PASS TO CANADIAN EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: M/A

TAGS: CGEN, CT, CASC

SUBJECT: DISSOLUTION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESS CHURCH IN THE CAR

REF: BANGUI 1576

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, CANADIAN MEMBER OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESS CHURCH CONTACTED EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT ALTHOUGH ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN BANNED BY OFFICIAL GOCAR DECREE, MEMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN ORDERED TO DEPART CAR. OUR INTERLOCUTOR SPECULATES GOCAR DOES NOT WANT TO PUBLICIZE MATTER AND HOPES MEMBERS WILL LEAVE QUIETLY ON THEIR OWN. THERE HAS BEEN NO HARASSMENT OF INDIVIDUALS ALTHOUGH CHURCH MEETING SITES ARE UNDER CONSTANT POLICE SURVEILLANCE AND ALL MAIL ADDRESSED TO MISSION HAS BEEN STOPPED. PERSONAL MAIL IS BEING RECEIVED AND MISSIONARIES ARE FREE TO MOVE ABOUT. CHURCH MEMBERS CLAIM THEY ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADHERING TO DECREE. MOST HAVE SPENT MANY YEARS HERE

AND WISH TO STAY. THEY ARE SEEKING OTHER LOCAL EMPLOY-
MENT. EMBASSY HAS COUNSELED THEM THAT AS THEIR ORIGINAL
PURPOSE IN THE CAR WAS TO DO MISSIONARY WORK, THEIR
STAYING MAY BE INTERPRETED AS A DISREGARD FOR THE GOCAR
DECREE AND LEAD TO FURTHER PROBLEMS.
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